GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home Department – A.P. Jail Services – Implementation of the Scheme for Support to Poor Prisoners - Constitution of Empowered Committee and State Level Oversight Committee to assess the requirement of financial support in each case for securing bail or for payment of fine – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms. No.198 **Dated: 24.11.2023.**
Read the following:

1. From the Deputy Secretary (PR & ATC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Women Safety Division Government of India, New Delhi, letter No: V-17013/26/2023-PR, dated:23.10.2023
2. From the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, letter No: Jud-2/874/2023, dated:31.10.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Deputy Secretary (PR & ATC), Women Safety Divisions, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi has stated that Government of India has formulated a scheme for support to poor prisoners, whereby it will provide financial support to poor prisoners who are not being released from jails as they are unable to pay the fine imposed on them or are not able to secure bail due to financial constraints. Expenditure in this regard will be borne by the Central Government. Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure for implementation of the scheme of support to poor prisoners was also forwarded with a request to issue necessary directions to concerned officer for activating the said scheme on urgent basis.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri has submitted proposals to constitute Empowered Committee and State Level Oversight Committee with the suitable composition for implementation of the said scheme of support to poor prisoners.

3. Government after careful examination of the mater, hereby constitute Empowered Committee at District level in each District and State Level Oversight Committee with the following to assess the requirement of financial support in each case for securing bail or for payment of fine for implementation of the said scheme of support to poor prisoners:

Empowered Committee at District Level:

1	District Collector (DC) / District Magistrate (DM)	Chairman
2	Secretary, District Legal Services Authority	Member
3	Superintendent of Police	Member
4	Superintendent / Dy. Superintendent of concerned Prison	Member Convenor
5	Judge incharge of the concerned Prison, as nominee of the District Judge.	Member

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State Level Oversight Committee:

1	Principal Secretary to Government, Home (Paroles & HRC) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Amaravati.	Chairman
2	Secretary to Government Legal Affairs, Law Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Amaravati.	Member
3	Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Nelapadu	Member
4	Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.	Member Convenor
5	Registrar General of the High Court, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Nelapadu	Member

4. The Empowered Committee will assess the requirement of financial support in each case for securing bail or for payment of fine, etc. and based on the decision taken, the District Collector (DC)/District Magistrate (DM) will draw money from the Central Nodal Agency (CNA) account and take necessary action.

5. The Empowered Committee may appoint a Nodal Officer and take assistance of any civil society representative/social worker/District Probation Officer to assist them in processing cases of needy prisoners.

6. The above Empowered Committee shall meet every 2-3 weeks either physically or in hybrid mode to assess the requirement of financial support in each case for securing bail or for payment of fine etc. The State Level Oversight Committee shall meet when cases are referred by Empowered Committee.

7. A copy of the Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure for implementation of the scheme of support to poor prisoners is annexed (Annexure-I) for compliance.

8. The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, shall take further necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

HARISH KUMAR GUPTA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Secretary to Government, Home (Paroles & HRC) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
The Secretary to Government Legal Affairs, Law Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Amaravati.

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The Secretary, State Legal Service Authority, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Nelapadu.
The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri
The Registrar General of the High Court, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Nelapadu.
All the District Judges of Andhra Pradesh.
All the District Collectors of Andhra Pradesh.
The Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities of all Districts through the Secretary, State Legal Service Authority, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Nelapadu.
The Superintendent of Police of all Districts through the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh.
The Superintendent of Jails/ Dy. Superintendent of Jails through Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

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